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REV. C. I. WITHROW, A. M., D. D.

Rev. C. I. Withrow, A. M., D. D., the subject of this sketch, was born just after 4,000,000 of the sable sons of Ham had been ushered into the golden sunshine of liberty, when the thought was prevalent that the Negro would ever be a hater of wood and a drawer of water. From his youth he has always shown himself beyond the ordinary, and at an early age was the leading factor in his country. Honor after honor was justly bestowed upon him. He held charge after charge, teaching at the same time with great success.

Dr. Withrow was sent to his present charge in the spring of 1900. He at once started a revival in the church among the members. The church has undergone some improvements and under his leadership has been freed from a long standing debt and is now standing out like the peaks of the mighty Alps, with her steeples towering high, kissed by the golden sunshine of freedom. The church has increased in membership and every department has taken on new life and is now in a prosperous condition. They rally to his support and are marching to success.

Dr. Withrow is a scholar of rare ability and is always in demand by those who have had the privilege of hearing him. He has had the honor of speaking before some of the most noted gatherings in this country. In 1893 he spoke in Winston, N. C., in the chapel of the school building and was seated on the platform among some of the greatest doctors, lawyers, educators and ministers of this country. The procession was said by the white papers to be two miles long.

In 1894 he spoke in Court Houses at Rutherford and Shelton, N. C. In Rutherford he spoke on Emancipation Day and the hall in which he spoke was crowded beyond standing room. In 1897 he spoke in the great High Street Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., before a great gathering and was invited to make another speech the next year for the same people but had to refuse to accept an invitation from the people of Pulaski, Va. In December 1897, he delivered an address before the St. Mark's Lyceum of New York City on the subject: "Equipped in a Lion's Skin He Obtained Immortality." In 1897 he spoke before the Grand Sitting of the True Reformers in Richmond, Va. The late Rev. W. W. Brown was so impressed with his ability as a scholar and speaker that he had published at his own expense one of Dr. Withrow's sermons in pamphlet form, getting out 6,500 copies.

Dr. Withrow has recently had published an Eulogy of Bishop Beards which has had the highest praise of Dr. Thirkield, of Cincinnati, O., Bishop McCabe, Dr. Hayes and others, and was requested by the Librarian of Drew Theological Seminary and granted a place in the library of the fire-proof building of Seminary, N. J. He has received an invitation to represent a fraternity in Hayti this year. Dr. Withrow is destined to be and is really one of the greatest scholars of his race. He is young, vigorous, gifted with a brilliant intellect, eloquent, a clean christian gentleman, cultured and refined, and is admired, respected and honored within his denomination and by the entire outside world.

He has served this present charge successfully for four years and was sent back by the recent Conference in Baltimore, Md., making his fifth year in this city. He is the only minister that has held charge here for five years in the history of the Augusta Street M. E. Church.

The Old Dominion Star, the only white Republican paper in the city recently contained the following:

Rev. Chauncey I. Withrow, Pastor of the Augusta St. M. E. Church, of this city, was recently offered two fine positions—one in Greensboro, N. C., and the other in Baltimore, Md. He declined them to remain pastor of the Augusta St. M. E. Church, of which he has been pastor for several years. He is held in high esteem by the people of

the city, both white and colored, and below we publish several extracts from different sources as to his standing and character as expressed by several prominent people. He received his theological training at Western Theological Seminary, a white school at Allegheny, Penn.

Hear what the South-Western Christian Advocate has to say:

"We are pleased to present to our readers a picture of the Rev. Chauncey I. Withrow, the pastor of Warren M. E. Church, Pittsburg, Pa. He is a young man of energy and pluck, and gives good account of himself no matter where sent. Bro. Withrow is a North Carolinian and was educated at Bennett College, Greensboro, North Carolina, from which he graduated in 1892. He was at that time a member of the North Carolina Conference when he served several charges but in 1895 was transferred to the Washington Conference to which he now belongs and was stationed at Lexington, Va. At this point he had remarkable success and built a brick church as a monument to him and his people's devotion to the cause. His next charge was Pittsburg, where he met with most excellent success in his attempt to pay the debt against the church and enlarge the membership. Bro. Withrow has been arousing Methodism in that city during the past few months by having a series of lectures by such men as Drs. J. W. F. Bowen, M. C. B. Mason, I. L. Thomas and Prof. I. Withrow. The financial results of these lectures are quaking only to the intellectual quickening of his people in particular and the community in general.

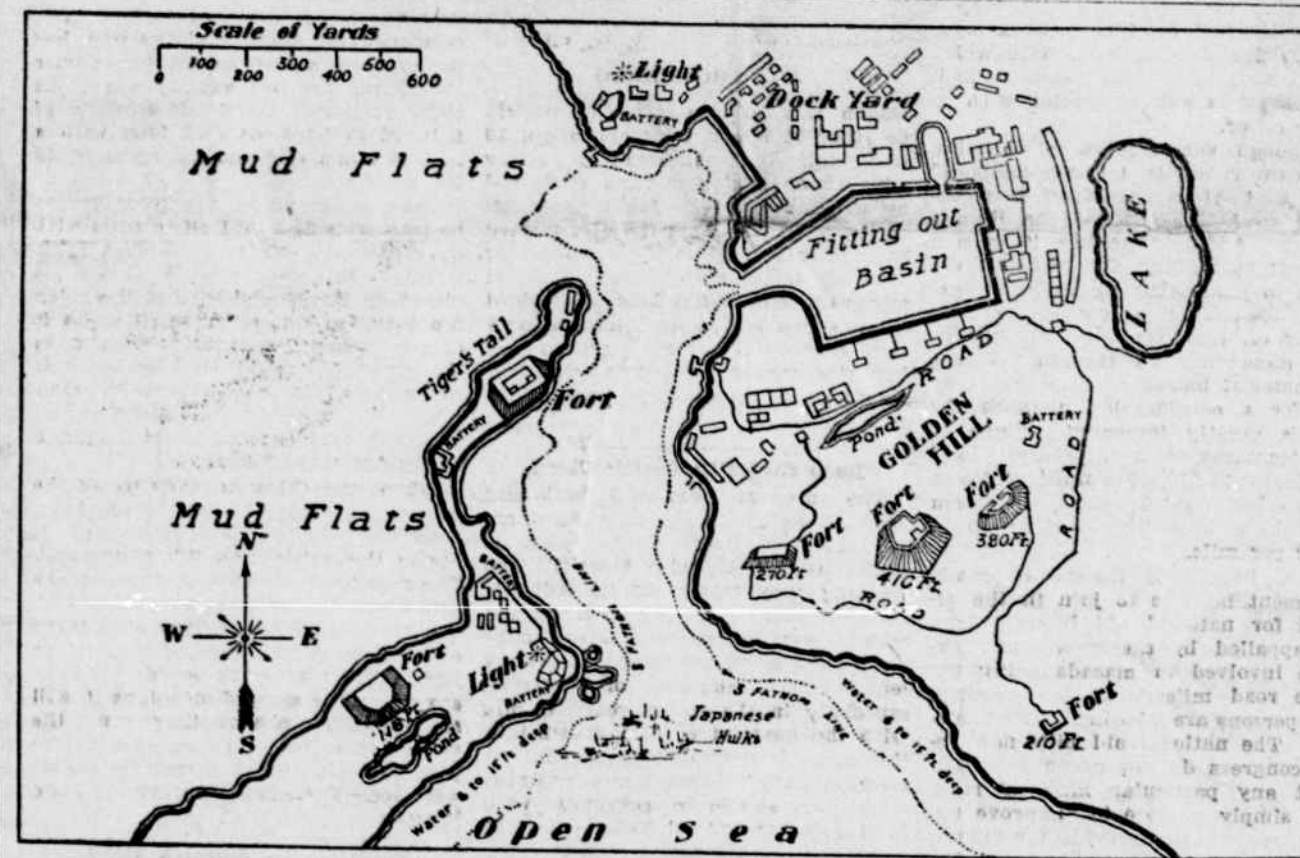
Bro. Withrow's friends are expecting much of him.

The career of Rev. Chauncey I. Withrow, the subject of this sketch has been of such marked and considerable progress as to afford example and encouragement to the young men of both races and to effectually explode the false and insidious charge that the avenues of distinction are not open in the South to the colored man. He is a man of high caliber, a matter of fact, his highest destiny can be worked out. It has been truly marked that genius is sexless (it might be further said in the elaboration of that idea that the "divine flame" knows no color, race or condition. And in its wisdom no restriction or limitations in great human family its chosen children of the elect may be found. Joachim Miller himself a poet of unmeasurable genius has made the prediction that some day from the Negro race, living as it does, so close to the beatings of nature's heart—will step forth one of the grandest poets the world has ever known.

The subject of this sketch is a native of Rutherford county and was about the close of the late war in the year 1866. He gave at an early age evidences of the sterling qualities of head and heart which in later years have advanced him to the forefront as a brave, consecrated and intellectual worker in the uplift of his people to a higher plane of life and in behalf of the cause of his master. From the age of 18 to 21 he taught school in Rutherford and Cleveland counties. Upon attaining his majority standing upon the threshold of his well by giving his heart to the Lord, 20 days after his conversion he was licensed to exhort. In the following year he was ordained as a minister and at this epoch of his life began a career which discloses the possibilities for good to those who follow in his footsteps. He entered Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., as a student and served as pastor at the same time of a circuit until his last two years. Since then his labors have been given in the service of the M. E. Church at the Reidsville station. He has proven to be a popular shepherd, raising the membership of his church from 83 to 138 the first year, adding by his untiring efforts to the interest, entertainment and spiritual profit of the services and hereby greatly augmenting the congregations. He has also



THEATER OF HOSTILITIES IN MANCHURIA AND KOREA.



MAP OF THE HARBOR OF PORT ARTHUR.

proven to be a good financial manager for his church and in giving an account of his stewardship it is found that in a short space of time he has his church a debt of seven years standing, though placed upon an independent, thorough working basis. He completed the entire Conference course and was ordained elder in three years and the spring following graduated from Bennett College with the degree of A. B., being among the first to have this honor conferred upon him in that celebrated college.

He has the confidence and respect of all classes, and his popularity is extending, which is evidenced by the ever widening circle of his friends and admirers among both races. He is the first colored minister in our midst to secure the concerted co-operation of the white pastors of Reidsville and his work receives their warmest praise. The Review is always ready to commend to its readers meritorious service to a good cause and in this connection we present to their sympathies and kindly offices, this young, rising representative of the African race, who has ever fully accepted and become assimilated, identified and imbued with the sentiments, religious and otherwise of the Anglo-Saxon people.—The Review of Reidsville, N. C.

To whom it may concern—

I have known the bearer thereof, Rev. Chauncey I. Withrow, from his boyhood, and do not hesitate in saying that he is a man of excellent character, and has always been so regarded here, and furthermore that he has always been a student, and has always devoted himself industriously to the education and advancement of his race. He has made considerable progress in his labors, and is now justly regarded as one of the foremost and ablest men of his race in the state. The colored people have a few, if any young men in North Carolina whose future is brighter than Mr. Withrow's. He is regarded unanimously by both white and colored as a man of splendid abilities and the higher sense of honor in all things.

Respectfully,
J. B. EAVES,
U. S. Senator.

Forest City,
April 1, 1895.

Rev. Chauncey I. Withrow, A. B., was born in Rutherford county, N. C., the year after the war closed, 1866. Naturally quick to learn he distinguished himself at school and became a teacher when he was 18 years of age. This profession he followed until he attained his majority, when it pleased the

Lord to convert him. Within 30 days after this radical change in his heart and life he was licensed to exhort in the Methodist Church. He was matriculated at Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., and in due time was graduated with the degree of A. B. During his college career he had charge of a circuit. He was the pastor in charge of the Reidsville station, and subsequently at the Graham St. M. E. Church in Charlotte, N. C. Last fall he was transferred to the pastorate of the church at Lexington, Va.

Mr. Withrow is regarded by those who know him best as a man of active ability, which has, with reading and study, made him conspicuous among the colored people for intelligence. He is considered judicious in the management of all his pastoral work, and has been blessed with success in financial administration in increasing the numbers of his charge and in building up his people in the grace of the Spirit. As a preacher he is said to be interesting and instructive.

While his church is not very large in numbers it has some of the worthiest colored people in it. These have shown their devotion to the Master's cause by erecting a large and handsome edifice, which is an honor to them and an ornament to Lexington. Every lover of his kind and every friend of Christ rejoices at this evidence of their advancement in civilization and religion, and with a hearty good-will is ready to help them still onward in their work. May the Lord bless Brother Withrow and his worthy people.

JAS. A. QUARLES,
In the Messenger of Lexington, Va., in 1896.

The following is a clipping from the Charlotte Messenger:

"Rev. C. I. Withrow, the efficient and worthy pastor of the Graham Street M. E. Church, will on October 1st transfer to Lexington, Va. He is an excellent preacher, fine scholar and christian gentleman, much loved by his church and all others who have met him. His removal from us is much regretted."

Rev. C. I. Withrow, A. M., the pastor of Warren M. E. Church, Pittsburg, Penn.

It affords me very great pleasure to introduce to the public through the

columns of the Southwestern Christian Advocate, one whose intellectual career has been so brilliant as that of Rev. C. I. Withrow.

Chauncey I. Withrow was born in Rutherford County, N. C., 1866. At the age of seven years he entered the public schools of his county, and here he cast, perhaps, for the first time, the shadow of the man and scholar that was to be developed in him. He remained in the public schools eight years, then was removed to a boarding school in Cleveland county, N. C., where he stayed only a short time before he returned to his school of his own country.

It was not long after his last removal before his ability had won him the place of principal in a public school in South Carolina, where he remained until 1888.

He entered Bennett College at Greensboro, N. C., in 1889, and while here he supplied Centre and J. I. in circuits, and taught school during vacation. He graduated from the classical course in 1892. Having finished three new churches in his district, he was stationed at Reidsville in 1892. Desiring to continue his education he entered the College of Liberal Arts from which he received the degree of A. B., in 1894.

In the same year he was married to Miss Louisa Darsette who is a sister to President Chan's wife, and a graduate of Bennett College. In 1890 he joined the Methodist Episcopal Conference, and was ordained minister in 1893. At Oxford, N. C., he was elected secretary of the Conference in 1894, and stationed at Charlotte, N. C. He was elected to represent Bennett College in the International Association of North Carolina.

In 1895 he was transferred to the Washington and Baltimore Conference, and stationed at Lexington, Va. Here he completed a new church and lifted a heavy debt. In the spring of 1898, he was stationed at his present charge in Pittsburg, Pa. He has since been added to the church; the Sunday school and Epworth League have improved rapidly under his administration.

He is serving his second term as president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Association of Pittsburg, Pa. As a scholar and pulpit orator, his peer is hard to find. Rev. Withrow is the only colored minister who belongs to the white preachers association.

M. S. MALONE,
Staunton, Va.

"JIM CROW" STREET-CARS.

Citizens Act—Mass-Meeting Next Tuesday Night at 8 P. M.—Public Invited.

The action of the Virginia Passenger and Power Company in adopting rules and regulations for the separation of white and colored people on its street-cars has caused intense feeling among the colored people.

For a week, the colored people have studiously applied themselves to walking. The Clay Street line which usually carries a packed crowd of colored people both morning and evening has been avoided and other lines give the impression that the colored population has left the city.

A conference of colored citizens to discuss the situation took place at Mr. A. D. Price's Hall last Thursday at 5 P. M. A large number of the leading colored men and ladies were present. John Mitchell, Jr., was made permanent chairman and Dr. Chas. E. Wilder, permanent secretary.

The discussion was conservative and it was the opinion of the body that the colored people should do all in their power to promote peace and avoid any clash or disorder on the street-cars.

It was decided that the best way to do this would be to WALK and STAY OFF the Virginia Passenger and Power Company's cars.

To this end, it was voted to hold a mass-meeting Tuesday night, April 19th, 8 P. M., at the True Reformers' Hall and invite the public to be present to hear the discussion and to take the proper action in the premises.

EMANCIPATION CELEBRATION.

The thirty-ninth anniversary of the emancipation was celebrated in Tuckahoe District, Henrico Va., on Monday, April 12th, 1904, in a manner befitting the occasion by the West-End Celebration Club. The speaking was held in Quinceston Baptist Church and was opened with devotional exercises.

Mr. Jacob White, the vice-president, in a very happy and graceful manner introduced the president, Mr. John Bryant, who after stating the object of the meeting delivered a very interesting and historical address as to the progress of the Negro since emancipation.

The president then introduced Rev. D. E. Williams, the orator of the day. Mr. Williams eloquently dwelt upon the goodness and guidance of that God, who delivered the children of Israel, who led them through the wilderness by day and night and enjoined upon his people to have their trust in Him, who could deliver them in the time of trial. He held his audience spell bound for one hour and a quarter, touching upon the things that had been done and the things left undone and the things now being heaped upon us as a race.

Rev. A. H. Jackson of Pilgrim Baptist Church delivered an address.

Among the many visitors, ladies and gentlemen from the city were Capt. W. H. Anderson and Lieut. Henry Hosely. These gentlemen are looking forward to organizing a Boys' Brigade in the district. Capt. Anderson is the organizer. The line of march was formed and with life and drum the gallant host of Tuckahoe marched to Jerusalem Hall, where a feast had been spread and all enjoyed themselves till the going down of the sun.

Boycott Street Cars.

The color line, as ordained by the city council, was drawn on the street cars for the first time on Tuesday morning. The innovation was not relished by the Negro population of San Antonio, and resistance was demonstrated in a general boycott by the race of the street cars. Owing to the exceedingly high fares, the boycott being for the present most complete. It is stated that at all of the religious meetings of the Negroes on Sunday night word was passed to keep off the cars and the injunction was obeyed. Here and there a colored passenger was seen, and every once in a while some colored man who declined to go into the rained-off portion took his stand on the rear platform and thus surmounted his objection to the innovation. There was no attempt at disorder over the enforcement of the ordinance.—San Antonio (Tex.) Express, March 16th.

FORTY-THIRD ANNIVERSARY.

A Grand Time Promised—Rev. White to Deliver Sermon.

The forty-third anniversary sermon of the G. A. O. B. and S. of Love and Charity will be held at the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church at 3 o'clock Sunday, April 24th.

The sermon will be preached by Rev. W. H. White, pastor of the church. All male members are requested to meet at Hayes' Hall at 1 o'clock. Females are requested to meet at the church at 2 o'clock. It is earnestly requested that all members will attend.

Officers are: Bro. Willis Wyatt, W. S.; Sister Lucy Cross, W. V. S.; Bro. Thomas Minor, Sec'y; Sister Celia Grey, Chaplain; Sister Lucy Perkins, R. H. Conductress; Sister Sidney Toles, L. H. Conductress; Bro. David Anderson, I.

S.; Bro. Henry Wilson, O. S.; Bro. K. Robinson, Marshall.

Committee: Bro. Robert Howard, Bro. Thos. Minor, Mrs. H. L. Richardson.

A Great Meeting.

The regular monthly meeting of the National Baptist S. S. Union was held on last Sunday, April 10th, 1904, at 3:30 P. M., at the Fifth Baptist Church (Sydney) Rev. Jos. Perry, pastor.

The attendance was large. President B. H. Peyton presiding. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Chaplain, Rev. Jas. H. Stephens of Zion Baptist Church, Manchester.

Christie C. C. Williams led the sweet songs. Superintendent M. G. Lewis delivered the welcome address which was ably responded to by Rev. A. R. Smith.

The various schools were well represented by recitations, papers, and solos. The selection by Miss Annie V. Taylor, "The Need of the Sunday School," by Miss Alice Epps, deserve special mention; while the solo by Mr. Skipwith, "The Need of the Sunday School," was very appropriate and highly praised. Little Miss Coles carried off no laurels for the Fifth Baptist Sunday School.

The subject, "How may the young people best help the Church and Sunday School?" was ably discussed by Col. E. A. Washington, W. H. James, Rev. J. Y. Harris and Dr. Jos. Perry. Many wholesome thoughts were gleaned from the discussion. A hearty collection was raised. Brother Brown offered a fervent prayer for the unconvered.

The next Union will be held at the Zion Baptist Church, Manchester, the second Sunday in May. A grand time is expected.

Baptist Ministers' Conference.

The Baptist Ministers' Conference met at the usual hour in Fifth Street Baptist Church. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. S. C. Barrall. Dr. W. T. Johnson read the minutes. The order of the day was the special sermon by Dr. Pinkney of the Leigh St. M. E. Church. He preached from the subject, "The Immutability of Jesus Christ." The sermon was very thoughtful, well delivered and stirred the brethren up.

It gave much food for discussion and was discussed by Rev. Watkins, B. O. Johnson, D. D., S. C. Burrell, F. W. Williams, B. D., Hugh Williams, B. D., W. W. Winters, Bishop Payne, W. T. Johnson, B. D., D. and Rev. Jacob Turner. Rev. J. D. Herben, B. D., of Washington, D. C., was introduced to the Conference and made some very helpful remarks. He is at present conducting a great revival at the Fifth St. Baptist Church, Rev. J. R. Griffin and William Cook were received as new members. The Conference is in a healthy condition and is doing more good for the city of Richmond than it has done heretofore.

—Mrs. J. L. Lovings, accompanied by Mrs. Mattie H. Lewis of Richmond, Va., has gone to Norwood, West Virginia, to spend two weeks with a friend of hers, Mrs. Ardena Miller.

—Mr. Charles Jordan of Pittsburg, Pa., in company with Rev. R. O. Jenkins called on us this week. He is stopping at the Hotel Reform.

—Mrs. L. A. Green, aunt of Mrs. William W. Macklin had published the death notice in our issue of last week.

Notice.

LOST—Sunday, April 10th a gold medal in shape of a star, inscription, "President and Founder." A reward will be given to the finder by leaving the same at Little Billy's Barber Shop, 3 W. Leigh St.

Notice.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Nickel Savings Bank, 60 N. 20th street, Richmond, Va., will be held on Tuesday evening, May 3rd, 1904, at 7:30 o'clock.

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